

## Overall Principles Applying to a Review mechanism

The purpose of the overarching principles is to set the parameters within which the policy recommendations have been developed, should be interpreted, and implemented. They take into account the experiences to date pertaining to decisions relating to the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs. They are proposed to structure, guide, and set conditions for the recommended policy for a review mechanism, its implementation and future interpretation.

### General Principles

- **Preserve the Stability, Security, and Interoperability of the DNS.** The rules for the review mechanism should be developed, implemented, and interpreted to ensure the security, stability, and interoperability of the DNS, which should remain paramount.
- **Predictability and Legitimacy of process.** The delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement processes for ccTLDs should be stable and the outcome of these process should be reasonable and predictable for all Significantly Interested Parties, including the ccTLD Manager.

### Specific Principles

In addition, four (4) specific considerations have been identified by the WG to date which should guide the development, implementation, and interpretation of the policy:

- **Low-cost.** The total costs of the process and costs for individual parties should be as limited as possible in comparison to litigation in courts or the ICANN IRP process.
- **Limited Duration.** The total duration of the review mechanism process should be limited to ensure stability of DNS and availability of the ccTLD.
- **Accessibility.** Non- costs thresholds and barriers should be low and reasonable ensuring easy access to the procedure to the relevant stakeholders.
- **Fundamental Fairness (Placeholder).**